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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 355**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley**

February 13, 2013

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An act relating to emergency medical services.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 355, as amended, Cooley. Emergency medical services: mobile field hospitals.

Existing law ~~creates the Office of Emergency Services and requires it to perform a variety of duties with respect to specified emergency preparedness, mitigation, and response activities in the state, including emergency medical services.~~ *establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority in the Health and Welfare Agency to administer a statewide system of coordinated emergency medical care, injury prevention, and disaster medical response.*

This bill would appropriate \$1,700,000 from the General Fund to the ~~Office of Emergency Services~~ *Emergency Medical Services Authority* to continue the Mobile Field Hospital program. The bill would also make legislative findings and declarations.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3     (1) California has a history of devastating natural disasters,  
4 including, but not limited to, earthquakes and floods.

5     (2) The Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast model  
6 predicts that California will experience a magnitude 6.7 or larger  
7 earthquake in the next 30 years.

8     (3) Mobile field hospitals have been deployed around the world  
9 in response to natural disasters and public health emergencies.

10    (4) California invested in three 200 bed mobile field hospitals  
11 as part of the state's disaster preparedness plan to protect citizens  
12 and provide critical medical services in a time of need. However,  
13 due to a lack of programmatic funding, the state will be forced to  
14 sell the mobile field hospitals at a fraction of the program's initial  
15 cost.

16    SEC. 2. The sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars  
17 (\$1,700,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the  
18 ~~Office of Emergency Services~~ *Emergency Medical Services*  
19 *Authority* for purposes of continuing the Mobile Field Hospital  
20 program.